Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Request for Deregulation of Repeater Linking via Phone Networks and Expansion of GMRS for Experimental DMR Use

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally request the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to revoke outdated regulations that prohibit radio repeaters from being linked using the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN). These regulations were originally enacted to prevent individuals from bypassing long-distance telephone charges imposed by the now-defunct Bell System. However, with the breakup of the Bell monopoly and the advent of unlimited long-distance calling, these restrictions are no longer relevant or necessary.

Additionally, the FCC has recently extended this prohibition to internet-based linking for GMRS repeaters. This decision was made without Congressional approval, without public comment, and without any technical testing to justify the restriction. Prohibiting the linking of GMRS repeaters through modern communication networks hinders innovation and limits the potential for emergency communications and community-driven radio systems.

Furthermore, I urge the FCC to consider allocating new channels for experimental **DMR (Digital Mobile Radio) use within the GMRS service**. As technology advances, GMRS users should have the opportunity to explore and utilize modern digital communication methods. Providing dedicated spectrum for experimental DMR use would promote innovation and allow for testing of new technologies within the GMRS community.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully request the FCC to:

1. **Eliminate outdated restrictions on repeater linking via PSTN** as they are no longer relevant in today's telecommunications landscape.
2. **Reverse the recent prohibition on GMRS internet linking**, as it lacks proper justification and was implemented without public input.
3. **Allocate new channels for experimental DMR use within GMRS**, fostering technological advancement and innovation.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this request and look forward to the FCC’s response on this matter.

Sincerely,
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